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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Continuation Application being filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b), based upon Serial No. 10/052,238 filed January 16, 2002.

Entry of the following amendment prior to examination of the application is respectfully requested.